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In re the Application of Maria Palasis, et al.

Group Art Unit: 1762

Application No.: 10/684,131✓

Examiner: Bret P. Chin

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Docket No.: 12013/47501

For: METHOD FOR ROLL COATING MULTIPLE STENTS

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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The references cited in this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement were identified in a search report in a counterpart PCT application (PCT application PCT/US2004/030973), mailed 1/31/05, after the Notice of Allowance was issued for the present application on 12/8/04. After the Notice of Allowance issued, the foreign counterparts to this application were reviewed between 12/29/04 through 12/30/04 for any additional references to cite in this application, none were discovered, and the issue fee was paid on 3/8/05. Because the PCT search report was issued 1/31/05, it was not available at the time counterpart applications were reviewed for additional art, and it was not discovered by the undersigned attorney until after the issue fee was paid.

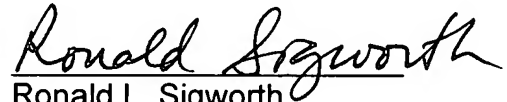
The applicant respectfully submits that the claims allowed in this application are patentable over the references cited in the PCT search report. Even though the PCT search report identified two of the cited references as "X" references — i.e. references which render the claims unpatentable when the reference is taken alone — these references clearly do not render the allowed claims unpatentable when taken alone because they do not disclose methods for coating stents, as recited in all allowed claims. Moreover, there is no suggestion or motivation in any of the cited references for using the methods of those two references to coat stents.

The Applicant respectfully request that the Examiner consider this IDS, however, since this issue fee has been paid, the Applicant understands that the Examiner is not obligated to do so. The Applicant respectfully requests that at minimum, this IDS be made of record in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97(i).

Respectfully submitted,

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